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Faith Alive

Bruce Wilder, Senior Pastor ◈ Mike Easton, Pastor ◈ David Breidenbach, Pastor
Sunday Worship Services ◈ 8:00 am ◈ 9:30 am ◈ 11:00 am

Easter 2007 ~ April 8



Dear Friends in Christ:

I want to begin by writing to you about Christmas. You may think that all of our unusually cold and snowy weather has affected my sense of time, but rest assured that I know it is March!

I want to talk with you about Christmas for one simple reason: Christmas is incomplete without Easter.

We should certainly celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. By all means we should commemorate the gift of the eternal Word made flesh. Remembering our Lord's incarnation is a meet, right and salutary thing to do. However, as Christians we know that Jesus came to earth for a reason. He was born to die for us and our salvation. He was raised from the dead so that we might live with Him forever.

Many people love to celebrate Christmas. They like the idea of a little baby in a manger with Mary and Joseph at his side. But many of those same people avoid thinking about Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter. A baby boy sleeping in a wooden feed box is one thing. A man, the Son of God, hanging on a wooden cross is another.

Yet we know that Christmas without Easter is an incomplete story at best. It would be like telling someone about the conflict in Europe in World War II by describing D-day, but omitting the Allied Forces victory over the Nazi regime. It would be like a eulogy which only described the circumstances of a person's birth while leaving out what he did with his life and how he died.

You probably know many people who "celebrate Christmas" in a secular fashion with no sense of awareness or gratitude for the real meaning of it. I encourage you to invite such friends….classmates and relatives too… to join us this year at Faith for the celebration of Easter. We will be celebrating the real joy of the real Easter (my apologies to Peter Cottontail) just as we celebrate the true hope of the authentic Christmas (sorry Santa).

Colored eggs, marshmallow bunnies and chocolate candies are fun, but they do not give us life or redeem our souls. Your friends who do not yet know the real meaning of Easter need you to help them. So why not invite them to worship with you on Easter Sunday this year? It is, after all, the loving thing to do.

Peace and love in Christ,

Bruce

Bruce Wilder, Senior Pastor

News of General Interest

* Needed *

A Coordinator of Communion Servers for the 1st Sunday of each month!

Our thanks to Steve Rabi for his efforts in serving during the last year as the Coordinator of Communion Servers for the 1st Sunday of the month. We are now in need of someone to fill this important volunteer service. If you are able to help in this way and would like more information, please contact the church office. Your service would be greatly appreciated.

Love Babies? –Then here's a very rewarding ministry opportunity for you!

We are looking for an assistant to help the baptism coordinator for the 8:00 and 9:30 services and a substitute for the 11:00 service. You would arrive 30 minutes before the service , greet the parents, baby, and sponsors in the church office, answer questions, then show them where to sit in the sanctuary and rehearse what will be said during the baptism ceremony. If this valuable ministry appeals to you, please contact Katarina Nagy, FLC Baptism Coordinator, in the church office.

Member Updates

Baptism:

- Jeremiah James Jones, son of Sara Jones, was baptized on February 25.
- Malea KaDee Wiener, daughter of Dallas & Micaya Wiener, was baptized on March 4.



Wedding:

- Christina Taylor & Jason Millard were married on March 3.



Attendance	8:00	9:30	11:00	Total
Sunday, February 18	171	355	166	692
Sunday School, February 18				86
Ash Wednesday Worship, Noon & 7:00 pm, Feb. 21				312
Sunday, February 25	158	427	190	775
Sunday School, February 25				159
Wednesday Night Ministries, February 28				11

Thank You!



Faith Lutheran Church,
We want to thank the pastors and hospital visiting committee for visiting Stephen Chemistruck, and all your prayers.

Thank you,
The Chemistruck Family

Dear Pastor Wilder,
We gratefully acknowledge your total donation for 2006 in the amount of $1,000 to Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity. Please accept our sincere thank you for helping us to build houses in partnership with God's people in need.

Sincerely,
Kevin Cronk
Chief Operating Officer

To all of you at Faith Lutheran Church,

The staff at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church and the children of Nativity School would like to express our sincere appreciation for your donation of the commercial refrigerator.

Respectfully yours,
Rev. Juan Mendez—Pastor

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous contribution of $1,613 to the Storehouse during 2006. Your contribution allowed us to provide, free of charge, meals to the needy of the Albuquerque.

Sincerely,
Lee Maynard, President
Board of Directors

Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your financial support of Common Hope's work in Guatemala! You are an important part of the many successes that our students represent. We couldn't do it without you.

Gratefully,
Kathleen Lock
Director of Finance

Dear Friends of EEMN,

Thank you for your donations. We appreciate your continued prayers and support.

Sincerely,
East European Missions Network



Dinner Out 50+

Our next dinner will be held at the Zea Rotisserie, 4800 Mont-gomery Blvd NE, on Wednesday, **March 14** at 6:00 pm. There is limited space, so only the first 30 sign-ups will have a seat! For more information, please call your hosts Jim & Abbie Wiler (286-8444).

Keenagers

Join us on Thursday, **March 22**, for a catered meal at noon. At 1:00 pm, Pr. David Breidenbach will speak on "Jordan and The Search for Biblical Sodom." If you're age 55+, join Keenagers for our monthly get-together. For details, call Bob and Ann Anderson at 896-1265. Please sign up in the Library.



New Adult Sunday School Class

Beginning Sunday, **March 11**, join the new study "Beyond Bridges: An In-depth Look at the Mormons" led by Ross Dudley. Classes will be held at both 8:00 am and 9:30 am in Room 13. This study is a follow-up to the seminar held last November. Sign up at the Information Center and specify which class time you would like to attend. There is no textbook fee.

Note: No classes on March 25 and April 8.

Women's Book Club

We invite all women with a passion for reading to join us at 7:00 pm in the Cry Room the third Tuesday of the month. Mark your calendars!

Our book selection for **March 20** is "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. We're always open to new members. Questions? Please call Nancy Gwyn at 296- 3190 (h) or 346-4673 (w).



Women's Brunch

The next Women's Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, **March 17**. Call Margo Schwenke at 856-1456.

Women of Purpose ~ 3/13

We meet at 7:00 pm the second Tuesday each month in the Library. For information, contact Delores Corbett at 299-5175.

Friday Morning Bible Study

Our study of King David and the Psalms concluded in February and a new study began on **March 2**. Our group is a mixture of ages, opinions, and perspectives while being united in Christ. We are missing YOU and would love to invite anyone interested to join us as we seek to know God more deeply as we study the people of the Bible.

Please feel free to stop in at 9:30 am on Friday mornings in the Library.

In Christ, Pam Limke (797-7529)

Donate Yarn!

We are again accepting yarn donations! Please drop in our basket in the Centrum next to the tuna basket. The Dorcas Needlework Group appreciates your help!



WOW (Widows of Wisdom)

On Saturday, **March 24**, the Widows of Wisdom will meet at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center at noon for lunch in the Pueblo Harvest Cafe and 1:30 pm for a docent led tour. For information on the ticket cost, the exhibits and to make reservations, call Diane Boade 299-5743, Billie Connell 828-1963, or our hostess for the event, Annelies Dahlquist 255-0700 by Wednesday, March 21.



Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
1 Cor. 13:6-7

Adult Ministry

Storehouse Food Drive

Faith Lutheran Church supports the Storehouse by donating cans of tuna on a regular basis. When the Storehouse runs short of food, they purchase needed items from Roadrunner Food Bank at a discounted price. As we turn our thoughts during Lent to our Lord's suffering, death and Resurrection, may we reach out with compassion to those in need in our community.



March is an excellent time to extend our food donations to the Storehouse and we encourage you to bring other canned and boxed food items… *in addition to tuna!* Please do not bring any food items in glass containers, and remember to check the expiration dates! Look for the marked boxes in the Centrum. We will collect food for the Storehouse from **March 4 through April 1**.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mission and Service Ministry Team

Donate Blood

Thank you to the 17 heroes who donated blood on Sunday, **February 25**.



You may make a donation anytime for the account of Faith Lutheran Church. Let the technician know you want to give for Faith Lutheran Church. You can make an appointment on the web site at www.bloodhero.com, or drop by one of United Blood Services' offices located at 1515 University Blvd. NE in Albuquerque or 3301 Southern Blvd. SE, Suite 300, in Rio Rancho.

Donating blood is safe, it's simple, and it saves lives.

Watch for the date and time of our next Blood Drive. Will you be a hero?



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Thrivent Financial for Lutherans came into being when Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Brotherhood merged in 2003. Thrivent is a Fortune 500 financial organization which manages billions of dollars and serves over three million members. Services provided by Thrivent include investment services, retirement planning, business strategies, systematic giving such as "Simply Giving", partners with "Habitat for Humanity", and offers to each church a set amount to be used for projects that will benefit its members each year. Thrivent provides Baptismal medallions and Confirmation crosses for our congregation free of charge.

In 2006, Thrivent gave 90% of the funds needed for "Habitat for Humanity" to build a home in Albuquerque for a mother with two children. It offered $1,600 to Faith Lutheran Church for projects such as buying chairs for and redecorating our Fellowship Hall and helping to buy a refrigerator for our kitchen. Thrivent encourages church members to work together to foster good relations, to get acquainted with other members and to help one another. That is one reason why they request that at least six Thrivent households are represented in working on each project. As many non-members as are willing to help are always welcome.

Ideas for similar projects for 2007 should be submitted to the Congregational Coordinating Committee in writing by **May 15**. Please include the six member household names who will be working with you with your submission.

Faith Lutheran Congregational Coordinators are Anita Austin, Chairman 296-0308, Marcia Pacheco 292-0692, and Duane DeWerff 298-1029.

These military personnel are family and friends for whom you wish prayers. Please call the church office to add (¤) or delete names.



James Beakley	Ben Dufay	Gary Hogan ¤	Charles Schneider
Matt Borst ¤	Ryan Fenn	Chap. Rick Koch	Gregg Silva
Andrew Brabson	Linda Field	Adam Lawrence	Jerry Simmons
John Cawthorne	Tabitha Golden	Dennis G. Long	James Zurzolo
Tyler Donnell	Jonathan Hamilton	Thomas Nagy ¤	
Chris Donnelly	James Hansen	Mort Packer	
August Dudley	Chris Hinnerichs	Brian Peters	

Quintessence Choral Artists of the Southwest

Presents

"Masters of Songs"



Saturday, March 17, 2007
at 7:30 PM
Faith Lutheran Church
10000 Spain RD., NE

A spring concert spotlighting the masters of 19th and 20th century German lieder and French chansons. Program features the choral works of Schubert, Schumann, Debussy, Ravel and more.

Tickets
$12 General $10 Seniors $5 Students

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

It's time for more food fun for a good cause. My name is Chelsea Myers, and I'm a member of Faith helping to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through Team in Training. We will run the San Diego Rock & Roll Marathon in June. Because my last fundraiser at ITZ was such a success (thanks to all who participated), I'm planning another event at Ben and Jerry's. On **Friday, March 23,** from **5-10pm**, I'll be scooping ice cream at Ben and Jerry's on Academy (by Smiths and Walmart) for tips and 10% of profits that night. No fliers this time- just drop in for ice cream and fun. 75% of all the money I raise will go directly to leukemia research and patient services. For more information about Team in Training or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, go to www.teamintraining.org or www.leukemia.org, or to my personal fundraising website www.active.com/donate/tntnmep/chelseaisfast. I'll also have a table set up in the Centrum between services on March 11 and 18 to talk about my experience with Team in Training and answer any questions about my fundraising efforts. Thank you!

Elementary School

Welcome to the Lord's Table

Holy Communion Preparation Classes will be held on Sunday afternoons,

March 11, 18 & April 1
from 4:00 - 5:00 pm.
First Communion will take place on Easter Sunday.



A parent needs to attend. Please call Katarina Nagy in the church office 296-0762 or sign-up at the Information Center.

Middle School News

Spring Retreat

The Spring retreat is coming soon, don't miss it!!!! This spring the middle school youth will be going on another retreat. The theme will be "Fill it Up" and we will talk about love, forgiveness and sharing. We are going to be at Camp Stoney near Santa Fe again, the dates are March 16-18, 2007 and the cost is $125.00. If your youth has not attended a retreat yet this year this is the last chance for them to do so. If you have any questions please call me, Dawn Selberg 296-0762, or e-mail me at dselberg@faithabq.org.

Attention 8th grade confirmation students and their families!



Please mark your calendars for our **Year-end Potluck Banquet, Sunday, April 15** at 5:00 pm in Youth Room 1 and 2. Watch for signups for potluck salads, entrees and desserts, and to confirm the number of people attending from your family at the Information table in the Centrum. Any questions??? Call Pam Limke at 797-7529.

Mid-School Summer Camp

This summer the mid-school youth will again be traveling up to Sky Ranch in Bellvue, CO. This is an amazing week long experience up in the beautiful mountains of Colorado. The dates we will be going this year are July 8-13, 2007 and the cost will be $400.00, with a non-refundable deposit due no later than April 15, 2007. If you would like to go or just find out more about it, please call me, Dawn Selberg at 296-0762 or e-mail me at dselberg@faithabq.org

H2H Calendar

March 7- "Time of Trial" Theme Night
March 14- Park Games, or Movie night
March 21- "Deliver Us From Evil" Theme Night
March 28- NO H2H (Spring Break)

Middle School BBQ

This year our welcoming event for the incoming 6th grade students and all existing H2H (Confirmation) students will be held on **Saturday, May 19**. Mark your calendars now and watch for more information coming soon.



Youth Ministry

Thinking of You on Your Special Day

March

11 Gretchen Bleffert, Krista Colon
12 Logan Ellis
13 Zachary Crow, Judy Rieman, Lauren Saari
14 Lois Amsden, Alysa Berry, Tiffany Hall
15 Marvin Dowdy, Ann Horning, Carol Nyght
16 Laura Boldt, Clare Castiglia, Jennifer Ellis, Vicki Hedin, Evan Kist, Jennifer Mahoney, Alice Strack
17 Ryan Andrews, Anne Coleman, Kristen Dean, Paul Roney, Patrick Schulz
18 Brady Gear, Dale Heincelman, Lavonne Huber, DeMaris Jarrett
19 Kara Calvert, Lauren Harstad, Judy Swenson, T.J. Williams
20 Abby Anderson, Brett Haggerty, Edna Roulston, Adam Smock, Ruth Smock, Lauren Swisher, Tom Walker
21 Michelle Northrup, Orrin Sears, Margot Teel, Cristy Volk
22 None
23 Bradley Benson, Kaitlyn Graham, Beverly Imbert, Laura Mitchell-Lagerstrom, John Moorhouse, Ethan Neidigk
24 Luke Babinski, Paul Benson, Kevin Cox, Andria Ford, Sydney Loghry, Randy Remiker, Paul VanDenburg, Jake Wright



Prayer Chain

Volunteers for this ministry respond to all prayer requests by praying for the names they receive. All names are confidential unless you request the name be published in the "Prayer Needs" list each Sunday.

CONTACTS:
JoAnne Abbott 298-2039
Barbara Peterson 898-6093
or the church office 296-0762

The deadline to submit articles for the next Faith Alive is:
8:00 am ~ Monday, March 12, 2007

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